

2009 National Open Teams

The South West Pacific Teams (S-WPT) will be played as a single Swiss field of 14 rounds at The National Convention Centre which will qualify 20 teams to the NOT. Captains will meet at the venue at the end of the correction period (4:00 – 4:30) to determine their opponents for the NOT round-of-20.

a) **NOT round-of-20 - (Friday evening 6:45 – 8:45, 9:00 – 11:00, 2 x 16 boards)**

The teams are ranked 1 through 20, breaking all ties.

Top 4 Qualifiers (upper section)

Team 1 chooses from Teams 3 and 4; team 2 plays the remaining team. The 2 winners go on to play each other in the round-of-12; the 2 losers use their **second chance** (with choice of opponents) in the mix with the 8 winners from the lower section (in the round-of-12).

The remaining 16 Qualifiers (lower section)

Team 5 chooses from teams 13 through 20, then team 6 chooses from the remainder (of teams 13-20) and so on. There are 8 matches. The winners progress to the round-of-12; the losers are eliminated. These 8 winners join the 2 losers from the upper section to make 5 matches in the round-of-12.

The 4 captains with choice of opponent for the next round will need to meet as soon as feasible after these matches to exercise their choices.

Note: The higher a team qualifies in the S-WPT, the greater the advantage in the NOT. Team 1 has the advantage of choice of opponent, team 2 has the advantage of not being chosen by team 1 and all teams 1 to 4 have a second chance. Similarly teams 5 through 11 have choice of opponent.

b) **NOT round-of-12 - (Saturday 10:00 – 12:00, 12:45 – 2:45, 2 x 16 boards)**

Top 2 Teams (upper section)

The winner proceeds directly to the semi-final (and has the quarter-final stage off); the loser uses their **second chance** (with choice of opponent) in the mix with the 5 winners from the lower section in the quarter-final stage.

Remaining 10 Teams (lower section)

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The 2 losers from the upper section are ranked 1 and 2, according to original (S-WPT) qualifying order; followed by the 8 winners also in original qualifying order. The 4 top-ranked teams choose their opponents from the 5 bottom-ranked teams, the remaining match is automatic. The 5 winners from this lower section combine with the loser from the upper section to make 3 quarter-final matches; the 5 losers are eliminated.

The 2 captains with choice of opponents for the quarter-final must make their choice as soon as feasible.

c) **NOT quarter-finals (Saturday 3:15 – 5:15, 5:30 – 7:30, 2 x 16 boards)**

Top Team

This team has secured a Semi Final place and has this match off.

Remaining 6 teams

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The loser from the upper section of the round-of-12 is ranked 1 and the highest original qualifier of the 5 winners from the lower section of the round-of-12 is ranked 2. Team 1 chooses its opponent from the 3 bottom-ranked teams; team 2 chooses from the remainder; the remaining match is automatic. The 3 winners proceed to the semi-final and the 3 losers are eliminated.

d) **NOT semi-finals (Sunday 10:00 – 12:00, 12:45 – 2:45, 3:00 – 5:00, 5:15 – 7:15, 4 x 16 boards)**

The teams are ranked for choice of opponent. The winner from the upper section of the round-of-12 is ranked 1; the highest original qualifier of the 3 winners from the quarter-final stage is ranked 2. Team 1 chooses its opponent from teams 3 and 4. The winners proceed to the final.

e) **NOT final (Monday 10:00 – 12:00, 12:45 – 2:45, 3:00 – 5:00, 5:15 – 7:15, 4 x 16 boards)**